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1. ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE IN MEETING OF MAY 6 HAD WHAT COMMISSION OFFICIAL CHARACTERIZES AS A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ISSUES TO BE RAISED IN THE FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT GROUP. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED IN JUNE IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THAT GROUP. BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, THE EC DELEGATION IN GENEVA IS EXPECTED TO CONTACT THE US DELEGATION TO EXPLORE IDEAS ON THE SEVERAL ISSUES. COMMISSION SOURCE (PHAN VAN PHI) INDICATED THAT EC AND US THINKING ON MOST SUBJECTS IS VERY SIMILAR; A DIFFERENCE OF STRATEGY REMAINS WITH THE EC RELUCTANT TO USE THE GROUP TO DISCUSS ISSUES THAT ARE NOT EXCLUSIVELY DC-LDC RELATED. A MEMBER STATE SOURCE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THAT MEMBER STATES AGREED WITH THE COMMISSION'S VIEW THAT THE GROUP IS NOT THE IDEAL FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.

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2. ON EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, THE 113 COMMITTEE APPARENTLY AGREED TO GIVE GREATER SUPPORT TO THE US POSITION. EC DEL IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THIS FULLY WITH US DEL IN GENEVA. HINTON

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